

PATRICK KARNLEY ATTN:

HAVA 3023 (IN 18502)

- ANDA 5665
- HKHA 5668 C.
- DIR \$3177 (OUT 66407 )\*
- SUBJECTS ARTIME AND VARONA LEFT HAVA ON SS VERAMAR ABOUT 1988 HOURS 14 DECEMBER, ETA TAMPA 16 DEC. REQUEST MEET AT DELFA LINE DOCKS.
- EXFILTRATION NOT BY PADRE BALBINO AND SPAN EMB CONTACTS AS INDICATED REF A BUT BY AMOOD WHO MADE UNEXPECTED APPEARANCE HAVA. VERAMAR CAPTAIN GEORGE JONES IS BROTHER IVAN WHO PARTICIPATED IN PREVIOUS EXFILTRATIONS. NO OTHER INFO.
- 3. WHILE WAITING EXPILTRATION ARTIME REVISED RESIGNATION LETTER WHICH NOW IN POSSESSION OF STATION. SCALED PHOTOS THIS LETTER POUCHED HOS REF 9 AND TO MEXI REF C FOR STATION AND ARTIME USE ONCE CONTACT MADE THERE.

STATION TAKING NO KUCAGE ACTION RE EXPLOITATION ARTIME

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LETTER. WHEN ADVISED ARTIME DEPARTED U. S., ASSUME REF D DOES NOT PRECLUDE PASSING ARTIME LETTER TO BROTHER BALBINO TOGETHER WITH ARTIME NOTE TO LOCAL PRESS FOR USE HE SEES FIT. ADVISE.

ASKED HIM PAY BOAT CAPTAIN. Done 15 Dec. CR.
FILED: 1502252.

## END OF MESSAGE

C/S Comments: \*Concerned plans to exfiltrate Manuel Francis Artime, INAA official in Oriente province, from Caoa and KUCAGE (3) exploitation of his defection as well as a written letter implicating Castro in a Communist conspiracy.

\*\*Stated that the next attempt to exfiltrate Artime and Varona would be made over the weekend of 12-14 December by Padre Balbing via his Spanish Empassy contacts.

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